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Dear Mr. Sucha:

This is in response to your letter of October 8, 1998, requesting clarification on the requirements for transporting oxygen cylinders in the baggage compartment of a passenger carrying motor vehicle under the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR; 49 CFR Parts 171-180).

The HMR apply to transportation of hazardous materials in commerce. A cylinder of oxygen used by a passenger for medical reasons is not regulated under the HMR; however, spare oxygen cylinders must be transported in conformance with the HMR. Therefore, proper marking and labeling and shipping paper documentation is necessary for spare oxygen cylinders. Regulations addressing the transportation of hazardous materials aboard a passenger carrying motor vehicle may be found in § 177.870.

I hope this information is helpful.

Sincerely,

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